Introduction of Benefit Fund System in the Anchal Department.

17. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Anchal Department has prepared any scheme for organising a Co-operative Society and Benefit Fund as stated in the concluding paragraph of the Report of the Anchal Department for 1102; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether any action has been taken on the same?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), the question does not arise.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): With reference to the answer to part (*a*), are the Government aware that there is reference to the benefit scheme in the last paragraph of the Report of the Anchal Department for the year 1102?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Have they asked the Anchal Superintendent whether he has prepared any scheme?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Anchal Superintendent has reported that he considered the scheme in all its aspects and that he feels that, in the present circumstances, in view of the low pay now drawn by the subordinates of the Anchal Department, such a scheme would not work successfully. That is his latest report on the subject.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Has this been stated in the Report of the Anchal Department for the year 1103 so as to remove the expectations that might have been raised in the minds of the subordinates of the department on account of the statement in the last paragraph of the Report for 1102?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am not sure whether it finds a place in the Report for 1103.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Are the Government aware that, unless that expectation is removed, there is chance of the subordinates of the department still hoping to have the benefit of the scheme?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That will be considered.

Oathira-Tamarakulam Road.

18. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken into consideration the improvement of the Oachira-Tamarakulam road

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in view of the information noted in answer to question No. 249, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 24th April 1929 (Council Proceedings, Vol. XIV, page 441)?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No; the work has to wait for some time more in view of more urgent demands.

Haripad-Viyapuram Road.

19. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Karthikapalli*): (1) Are the Government aware that the Dewan has stated in his reply to a representation at the 24th Session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly that an estimate for the metalling of the Haripad-Viyapuram road has been called for by the Chief Engineer (*vide* page 87 of the Proceedings of the 24th Session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly)?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the estimate referred to in part (1) has been prepared and submitted to them; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they have considered the matter in the light of the answer given to the question *re* Haripad-Viyapuram road asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 24th April 1929 (*vide* Council Proceedings, Vol. XIV, page 428)?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) Yes.

(2) (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Karthikapalli*): May I know the date on which the Chief Engineer sent his estimate for the Haripad-Viyapuram road?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The exact date is not here.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Karthikapalli*): Was the estimate called for before the 24th Session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, as stated in the answer?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Karthikapalli*): Is there any explanation why the estimate has not been submitted even after two years?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Subsequently, a report did come from the Chief Engineer, and, on a consideration of the question, Government decided that, in view of the prohibitive cost of the work, it should lie over for the present.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Karthikapalli*): May I know what was the cost, as stated in the estimate?

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